Common Name

Origin

Aloe arborescens

S. Africa

A large clump forming South African Aloe with lots of tall orange spike flowers in the winter. Can grow to 4' x4'. East to grow, Full sun or part, any soil. Very drought tolerant.

Aloe bainesii

Tree Aloe

S. Africa

Possibly the worlds largest aloe to 20' or more, full sun any soil with good drainage. Has a beautiful upright branching structure with open habit, a great focal point tree. Very dramatic when uplit at night. Grows faster with regular water and food.

Aloe dumetorum

S. Africa - Kenya

A low growing aloe from Kenya, with a ground hugging habit. The 12" flower spikes are a light orange with green tips. Heavy blooming in the winter months, but some bloom year round once established. Best in full sun, but will tolerate some shade. Any soil that's well drained.

Arbutus 'Oktoberfest'

Pink Strawberry Tree

A selection of the Mediterranean native evergreen tree. This cultivator will grow to 25' pink clusters of bell like flowers in the winter and spring followed by edible red fruit in the fall, highly ornamental. Beautiful bark and structure. Very drought tolerant, full sun, good drainage.

Beschorneria yuccoides

Pink Yucca

Mexico

A Mexican yucca-like plant, which forms a clump of spineless rosettes of glaucous foliage about two and a half feet across and tall. In the spring and summer a large 6' tall pink stalk shoots up with hundreds of pink and green bell-like flowers. Easy to grow, likes full sun and good drainage. Mother plant won't die after flowering.

Carex comans 'Bronze'

Bronze Moor Grass

An ornamental grass with a flowing habit, and an unusual brown color. Full sun or part, good drainage. This New Zealand sedge is finely textured and looks great when planted in mass.

Cassia bicapsularis 'Butter Creme' (Seed)

Primrose Senna

America

Fast and easy to grow drought tolerant shrub or small tree to 10'. Flowers are a pale primrose-yellow. Blooms late summer through early spring. One of the best shrub choices for Southern California.

Common Name Origin

Chrysanthemum parthenium 'Aureum'

Golden Feverfew

Easy to grow old fashioned perennial with golden foliage and single white daisy-like flowers in clusters. Reseeds politely in the garden. Full sun to part shade. Tolerates abuse. Makes a great cut flower. Cut old bloom spikes to ground. (Syn.Matricaria or Tanacetum)

Dietes vegeta variegata (Yellow)

Variegated Morea Lily

 $Africa\,-\,South$

Like the common Morea, but with strong yellow variegation, easy to grow. These South African plants can be grown in the sun or shade. Very drought tolerant. Remove old seed pods to promote continuous bloom. White flowers are Iris-like with purple splashes down center of petal.

Elaeagnus philippinensis

Lingaro Berry

Philippines

An evergreen shrub or small tree to about ten feet with a great arching habit with silvery leaves. Edible shimmering red berries in the fall are small and tart Excellent fresh, in a sauce or desert. Full sun, easy to grow, drought tolerant, a big bird draw. A great source of licopine.

Elaeagnus x ebbingei 'Gilt Edge'

Variegated Elaeagnus

Hybrid Origin, Japan

Drought tolerant evergreen shrubs with showy golden edged foliage. Exceedingly easy to grow, full hot sun or part shade. Any well drained soil, not picky. Grows 4'-6', laces out beautifully. No insects or diseases. A hybrid of E. pungens x E. macrophylla.

Erigeron glauca compacta

Dwarf Beach Aster

California

A low native ground cover, with lavender-pink daisy flowers, it blooms heaviest in the early summer. It's quite drought tolerant but looks better with some supplemental water in the summer. Attractive broad leaves are a light bluish green. Even when not in bloom the plant is refined and elegant. Best in full sun, but will tolerate

Erigeron karvinskianus

Santa Barbara Daisy

California

Native ground cover daisy. Drought tolerant with small white daisy flowers all year. Cut to ground when plant becomes overgrown. Possible the easiest plant to grow. Can re-seed. Likes sun. Will also spill down a wall.

Homeria aurantiaca (Orange)

Cape Tulip

Africa South

Drought tolerant bulbs (actually corms) from South Africa, with light orange flowers atop 18" tall grass-like foliage, in the spring . Multiplies freely, easy to grow, full sun or part shade. They are poisonous to cattle, so don't plant them on you're cattle ranch. Summer dormant

Common Name Origin

Lavatera bicolor (Malva)

Mediterranean mallow

Mediterranean

Easy to grow, Mediterranean shrub to 6′- 10′, fast and long blooming, lavender pink mallow flowers, needs little pruning if given enough room to grow. As a garden plant lace and open to encourage flowers throughout the plant

Lavendula multifida 'Fernleaf'

Fernleaf Lavender

Mediterranean perennial with lacy green foliage, with a slight lemony scent to foliage. Grows similar to L. multifida but with a lighter purple flower. Full sun with good drainage. Two feet tall by 3' wide. Blooms year round.

Leptospermum laevigatum

Tea Tree

Australi

An evergreen Australian shrub which grows 15' to 30' tall and wide. Small rounded gray-green foliage is offset by small white flowers in the summer and fall. Relatively fast growing. Water well the first year, once established very drought tolerant. Grows best in full sun with good drainage. The branch structure becomes

Melaleuca ericifolia

Australia

An Australian shrub or small tree with finely textured weeping foliage. Grows to 6'-8' with a gnarled twisted trunk and strong lateral branches. Foliage is light green, the inflorescence is a small brush of cream colored flowers. Popular in the 1940's and 50's, mature specimens can be seen in older neighborhoods, like Mission

Melaleuca incana

Australia

Drought tolerant shrub-small tree to 9' with an attractive branch structure and blue-grey finely textured weeping foliage. Cream flowers spring and summer. Full sun to part shade. Easy to grow sun or part shade. Drought tolerant, but looks better with water.

Melaleuca incana 'Prostrata'

A trailing form of a normally 9' tall plant, that lays flat on the ground with blue-gray finely textured foliage. Cream flowers spring and summer. Full sun to part shade. Easy to grow sun or part shade. Drought tolerant, but looks better with water. Great spilling over a wall.

Oxera pulchella

Native to New Caledonia. A 10' to 20' vine with olive green foliage and clusters of elegant, white hanging trumpets off and on throughout the year. Tolerates shade, but blooms better with some sun exposure. Needs regular water. Has a beautiful gray trunk, with raised brown lenticles.

Common Name Origin

Pennisetum rubrum

Red Fountain Grass

A popular ornamental grass with bronzy red foliage and showy plumes in the fall, gets about 4' by 4'. Grows best in full sun. While its supposedly sterile, it can reseed, but not aggressively. Cut to ground in the spring to rejuvenate. Making it look like a shaving brush is not a solution. Give it room to get to its full size.

Phormium 'Jack Sprat'

Dwarf Bronze Flax

New Zealand

Dwarf Flax to 1.5'. Clumping spiky perennial with bronzy foliage on compact plant. Full sun. Can revert, remove larger fans when they appear. Very drought tolerant.

Plectranthus argenteus

Fuzzy, somewhat succulent, gray leaves 3' x 5' sun or shade, drought tolerant. White flower spikes in the fall, Cut back to keep bushy. Easy to grow from cuttings.

Plectranthus grandis (Coleus grandis)

Desert Coleus

Africa -Trop E ast

A aromatic large perennial with broad pubescent foliage and large blue spikes spring, summer, and fall. Very easy to grow, eventually to about 4' around. Looks more like a Plectranthus than a Coleus. Full sun.

Rosmarinus officinalis (trailing) 'Lockwood De Forest' Rosemary

Mediterranean

A Mediterranean perennial shrub with an almost flat trailing habit to 8" tall by 5' or more wide. Medium blue are flowers heavy in the late winter and spring. Makes a very drought tolerant groundcover when established. Likes full sun. Excellent for culinary use. Laces beautifully.

Salvia africana luetea 'Kirstenbock'

New! Compact cultivar that stays around 3' by 4' wide. Cinnamon-bronze colored flowers are larger than species. Blooms throughout the year with heaviest flower production in winter, spring and early summer. Very drought tolerant when established.

Salvia lanceolata

Africa - South

A gray foliaged compact shrubby sage. Drought tolerant and cold hardy. Grows 3' x 3', regular water is okay, but can be very drought tolerant. Blooms early spring through fall, flower color is a light smoky coral pink. Full Sun, any soil with good drainage.

Common Name Origin

Tecoma stans

Yellow Elder

A very drought tolerant large shrub or small tree 10' to 15' tall or more. Large clusters of golden yellow trumpets year round once established. Full sun is best, will grow in any soil. Native to the southwestern North America down through South America.

Thevetia thevetioides

Mexico

A Mexican large shrub or small tree, related to oleander. Large bright yellow flowers in the summer are sometimes followed by small fruit. Sap is toxic. Like full sun and needs good drainage. Less tolerant of desert heat than T. nerifolia. Unusual and highly desirable.

Tulbagia fragrans

Fragrant Winter Tulbagia

An evergreen perennial with strap like foliage with a bluish cast, Flowering starts in the fall and continues until spring. A cluster of fragrant lavender flowers form on top of a narrow stalk. A great cut flower, most fragrant after 4:00 PM.